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March 1, 2010

Public Service Commission of South Carolina
Att: Docketing Dept.
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia, SC 29211

Re: Docket No. 2009-489-E

Dear Commission Members,

It is my understanding that your Office of Regulatory Staff will accept letters of protest regarding Docket No. 2009-489-E through March 22, 2010.

Please accept this letter as protest against the above referenced docket item. I am distressed at the timing of SCE&G's request for a nearly 10% rate hike at a time of economic struggle unparalleled since the Depression, and I hope that you plan to prevent it from happening.

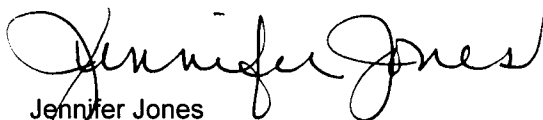
SCE&G has already been approved for a 2.5 percent rate increase annually for the next decade, following a 4.4 percent rate hike in 2008. A new rate hike will boost my power bill significantly, and we already pay \$432 per month on SCE&G's easy payment plan. There is nothing easy about that number.

SCE&G already has higher rates than other investor-owned utilities, as well as publicly owned Santee-Cooper.

Please do not approve the request for the rate hike.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jennifer" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Jones".

Jennifer Jones
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